The Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) was recently awarded a Section 5309 Alternatives Analysis grant (TIP Project A532) in the amount of $500,000 ($400,000 federal) to advance planning for the Washington Avenue/Western Avenue BRT project to an Alternatives Analysis (AA). According to FTA, the initiation package for an AA requires a formal endorsement by CDTC, which was completed on June 2, 2011 through a Policy Board resolution.

The FTA also requires that the study must also be included in the current 2011-12 UPWP before the grant can be finalized. Therefore, CDTA is requesting that the AA be added to the 2011-12 UPWP in order for the grant to be awarded before April 1, 2012.

The full description of the task is shown as Task 5.91 in the Draft 2012-14 UPWP document.